



Francis Maka, Jr.

December 25, 1935 - February 1, 2025

Francis (Frank) Maka Jr., 89, of Charlotte passed away following a short illness on Saturday, February 1st, 2025, at Tucker Hospice House surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on December 25, 1935, to Francis George Maka and Elizabeth (Hegedis) Maka in Dover, NJ. He spent his childhood in Wharton, NJ, graduating from Wharton High School in 1953. He began his career at Picatinny Arsenal in Wharton, NJ as a surveyor. Soon after, Frank met his darling Susie at church, and they married on January 10, 1959. The couple were blessed with five children. In 1972, he began working at Warner-Chilcott (Pfizer) Pharmaceutical as a draftsman. He remained with the company until 1997, retiring as a Plant Maintenance Supervisor. He built his home in Flanders, NJ in 1966. This beloved home was where he raised his family and enjoyed his retirement. He and Susie relocated to Charlotte, NC in 2024.

Frank was known for his kind, gentle, and humble spirit. He desired to continuously serve others, especially his family and his dear Susie. He enjoyed fishing, tinkering and building, playing with his grandchildren out in his yard, spending time on his boat with his family, and vacations at the beach in Wildwood Crest, NJ (Waikiki Motor Inn) and Outer Banks, NC. As a man of great faith in his Lord Jesus Christ, he was active in church in New Jersey.

He was predeceased by his brother Paul John Maka.

Mr. Maka is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years, Marilyn Sue "Susie" (Buchanan) Maka; and his sister Elizabeth Temby (Ken). He is also survived by his children; Martha Lynn Kaiser (James), Marilyn Beth Katon, Christine Ann Wendt (George), Matthew Jerome Maka (Elsabeth) and Jennifer Susan Horstmann (Nathan). He was blessed with many treasured grandchildren; Melissa Kaiser, Peter Kaiser, Patrick Katon, Samantha Katon, Alicia Sonners (Jared), Michael Wendt (Meghan), Rachel Wendt, Joshua Wendt, Hannah Maka, Rebekah Maka, Caleb Maka, Abigail Maka, and Silas Horstmann. In recent years, he was also blessed with his cherished great-grandchildren; Clementine and Marcus Sonners and Ryan, Henry, and Jack Wendt.

Frank was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. His family looks forward to someday being reunited with him in eternity for more joy and laughter.

A private family burial will take place at Willow Valley Cemetery on February 6, 2025. A Memorial Service will be held on February 22, 2025, at 1pm in the Chapel of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home.

For those unable to attend the service please use the following link to view the service: <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTc0MDE4MTk4NzM1MTEyMCZvbmVyb29tLWFKbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Samaritan's Purse or Atrium Health Hospice & Palliative Care Cabarrus, Kannapolis, NC.

Cavin and Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Maka family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **22**. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall



“ *Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Francis Maka, Jr.*



Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory - February 21, 2025 at 06:53 PM

SF

“ *Sally, Ed, Charlie, Sara, Katie families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Francis Maka, Jr..*



Sally, Ed, Charlie, Sara, Katie families - February 20, 2025 at 12:43 PM

MF

“ *Marcia, Ron and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Francis Maka, Jr..*



Marcia, Ron and family - February 17, 2025 at 11:58 AM

DF

“ *Diane and Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Francis Maka, Jr..*



Diane and Family - February 17, 2025 at 11:14 AM

JE

“ *I remember all the years Frank and Sue served our senior citizens group at Hillside (HARP). They faithfully set up, made the coffee and cleaned up after our meetings. Sue was especially good to answer the bible trivia questions. I have thought about them frequently and prayed for them. They are missed. So many wonderful memories for the family and for HARP.*

joyce everswick - February 13, 2025 at 09:54 AM

NW

“ *I had just recently met Mr. Maka, he was a very pleasant man. I am sending prayers to his lovely wife and family. Nikia Williams*

Nikia Williams - February 05, 2025 at 05:39 PM